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Shigella germ are capable of causing diarrheal illness.

At this time, it is important that everyone increase the frequency and care of hand washing. Some persons who are infected may have no symptoms at all, but still pass the Shigella bacteria to others. In

Kinston resident arrested on several sex-related charges

On Friday, July 27, the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) arrested Harold Frost, age 44, of 167 Pierce St., Kinston, Ala. He was charged with two counts of sexual abuse, first degree; one count of sodomy, first degree; and one count of rape, first degree.

According to information released by the Alabama Department of Public Safety, the arrest of Frost was in connection

with the sexual abuse of two young females, ages 8- and 9-years-old. He was transported to the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton following his arrest.

Frost appeared before Coffee County Circuit Judge Jeff Kelley on Monday of this week, and Kelley set bond on each count of Frost's arrest.

The Department of Human Resources and Coffee County Sheriff's Office assisted in this investigation.

addition, those infected with Shigella often remain infectious for several weeks. Individuals experiencing fever, diarrhea, bloody diarrhea or diarrhea lasting more than 48 hours are encouraged to seek medical care. Antibiotics can be prescribed to treat shigel-

Swimming season is here. Residents with diarrhea are also urged not to swim. In addition, diapered children should not swim if they have had diarrhea in the previous two weeks. Properly chlorinated water kills Shigella very quickly unless it is contaminated with a large amount of feces, as from a diaper.

Generally every year, one or more communities in Alabama experience outbreaks similar to the outbreak occurring in southeast Alabama.

New Brockton Elementary School plans Open House for Monday, Aug. 6th.

New Brockton Elementary School will conduct an Open House on Monday, Aug. 6, from 5-7 p.m. A presentation of the new AMSTI program will be given at 5:30 p.m. in each grade.

During the event, parents can visit with teachers, tour the facility and pick up a supply list.

Wednesday, Aug. 8, is the first day of school. It will be a regular school day.

Notice:

The Coffee County Board of Education will conduct the regular monthly board meeting Monday, Aug. 6, at the new conference room at Zion Chapel School. The meeting will begin at approximately 7 p.m.

Additional Obituary:

WENDY MICHELLE WHITE, Ms. Wendy Michelle White, age 25, of Jack, Ala., died Friday, July 27, 2007.

Funeral services were held July 29, 2007 from the Chapel of Dillard Funeral Home in Brundidge with Reverend Rick Hayes officiating. Burial followed in the New Hope Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Rev. Billy Gregory; and great-grandparents, Grady and Elizabeth English, Jack and Christine Goodwynne, Paul and Clara Mae Gregory, and Essie and Madie B. Green.

Survivors include her son: Caleb Nathan White; parents:

Ronny and Vickie Green, Montgomery; one sister: Valerie Green, Montgomery; grandparents, Dwight and Vivian Green, Montgomery; Robert and Ruth Garrett, Banks, Ala.; three aunts: Julie (Steve) Downing, Faye Rhoden and Ginger Donaldson; and one uncle: Ronnie (Cathy) Gregory.

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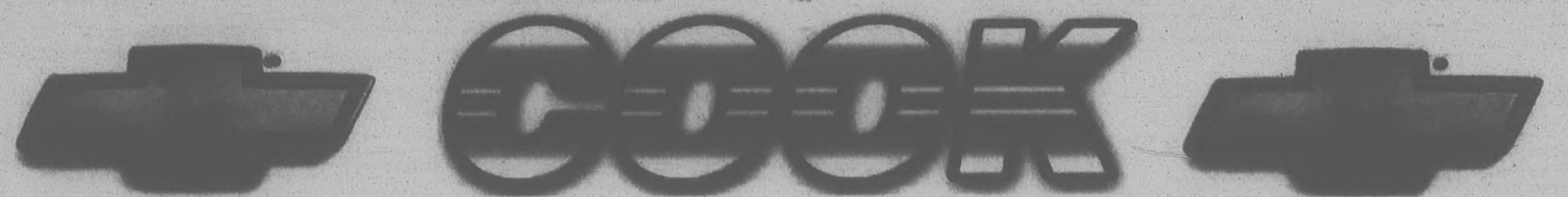
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As start of production draws closer

Ribbon cutting ceremony held for Dorsey Trailers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The return of production at the Dorsey Trailers facility in Elba continues to draw closer and closer as the new management team works to get everything in order.

Pitts Enterprises, headquartered in Pittsview, Ala., recently purchased the facility. Shortly after the purchase, company president Jeff Pitts hired Elba native David Dorsey to serve as general manager of the Elba facility.

On Friday of last week, Dorsey said the Elba facility (if all goes well) is approximately three weeks away from production beginning on one line. He said the company hopes to eventually have three lines up and running at the facility and orders already are being placed for all three lines.

The Elba Chamber of

Commerce officially welcomed Dorsey Trailers back-to-business last Friday morning, Aug. 3, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Elba Mayor James Grimes received the honor of "cutting the ribbon" as Pitts, Dorsey, company employees, city councilmen, chamber officials, Elba queens and other interested citizens surrounded him. Also in attendance for this special occasion were Pitts' wife Cher and daughters, Isabella and Abigail.

Since purchasing the Elba facility, Pitts has promised to "maintain the Dorsey tradition of 'Modern Design Transportation Equipment' with pride in the finished product and respect for those who blazed the shining trail to this point. Dorsey Trailers will be a division of Pitts Enterprises and will manufacture a variety of over-the-road trailers bearing the Dorsey nameplate.

Back-to-School for area students



The 2007-08 school year officially arrived this week as area students began returning to the classroom. Coffee County students returned to school Wednesday, Aug. 8, while students in the Elba City Schools System are slated to return today (Thursday, Aug. 9). Earlier this week, the Coffee County Schools held an Open House for the students and parents to get acquainted with teachers prior to the first day of school. Above, Zion Chapel students Steven Harrell (left) and Josh Simmons (right) were excited Monday evening during the Open House event to find out which teacher's class they would be in for the new school year. With the start of a new school year, motorists are reminded to keep an eye out for school buses and to obey all traffic laws in regards to the buses.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting Mayor says Tyler Street is open

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole seemed relieved to be able to announce Monday evening, Aug. 6, during the monthly town council meeting that Tyler Street is open to traffic.

Mayor Cole said the road has been open to traffic since last Thursday, Aug. 2, however, he said it will not be official until guardrails are installed. He said the plan is for the guardrails to be installed some time this week.

Council members voted during Monday's meeting to approve three separate ordinances.

An ordinance to amend the town's fire protection ordinance in regards to fireworks passed with all members except council member Vicky Harrison voting in favor. This ordinance prohibits the sale and/or discharging of fireworks within the town limits.

An ordinance to change magistrate fines for animals passed unanimously as did the ordinance to amend the "animals" ordinance to increase fines.

The amendment to the "animals" ordinance increases fines from \$15 to \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, \$75 for the third offense and up to a maximum fine of

\$500 after the third offense.

Town clerk Annette Williams said the increased fines suggestion was made due to the high number of complaints of animals "running loose." She said officials felt higher fines would deter letting animals run loose.

Council members voted unanimously to give the senior center director a 50 cents per hour pay raise. This is retroactive one pay period because the council failed to include the senior center director in a motion from a gentleman indicating he wanted to donate something to the school to help with the growth.

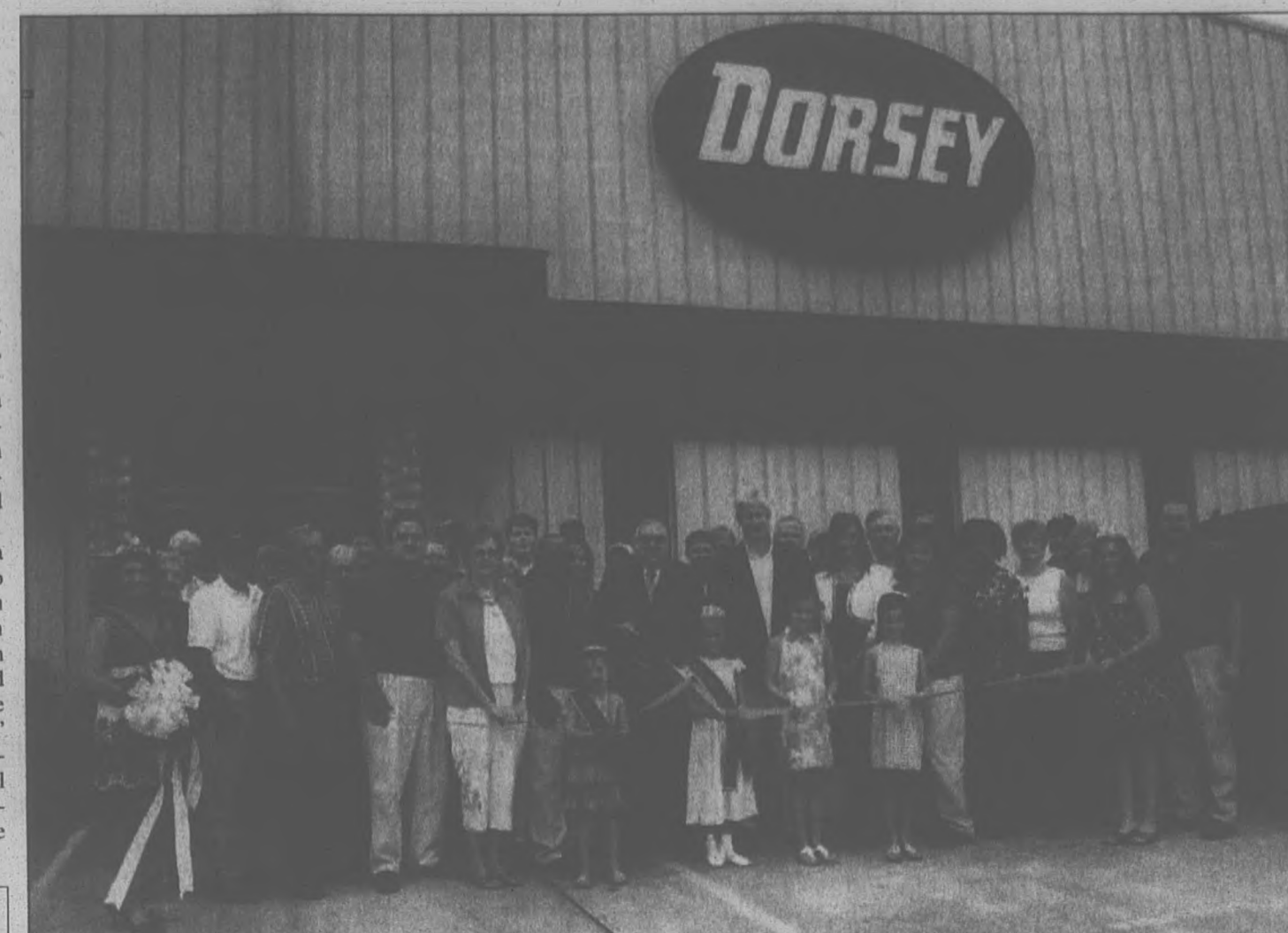
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Area Happenings

REUNION OF ELBA CITY SCHOOLS are scheduled for the first day of school for the 2007-08 school year will be Thursday, Aug. 9. This will be a full day for students beginning at 7:45 a.m. with dismissal at 3 p.m.

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON will hold an Open House, Thursday, Aug. 14, on a sunny day. The meeting is in regards to a new building project. The meeting will be held at the New Brockton Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m. All interested citizens are asked to attend.

THE COFFEE COUNTY JAIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT are scheduled for a meeting on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at City Center, 7011 Highway 81, Elba. The Board will discuss the jail and water conservation district and the future of the Coffee County Jail.



A large crowd gathered in front of the Dorsey Trailers office last Friday morning, Aug. 3, for a ribbon cutting ceremony

Huge announcement highlights Monday evening ceremony

Zion Chapel celebrates continued growth of schools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County School System held a ribbon cutting Monday evening, Aug. 6, at Zion Chapel Schools in celebration of the completion of building renovation and construction projects.

Prior to "cutting the ribbon" during a ceremony held in front of the recently renovated gymnasium, Coffee County Schools Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said in the past four years, Zion Chapel Schools has grown by 105 students. She said Zion Chapel is now the largest school in the Coffee County School System.

She said she was proud to say the school system is expanding the facility to accommodate continued growth for future generations.

Zion Chapel Schools principal Bob Hartwell said it is easy to look around and see the progress being made at Zion Chapel.

While many thought the celebration of the gym renovation and construction of a new building at the elementary school was plenty to cheer about, Dr. Ingram made an announcement Monday evening that got an even bigger applause from the huge crowd gathered at the school for the ceremony.

After cutting the ribbon, Ingram asked everyone to move to the high school auditorium for a "big" announcement. Once inside, she said she recently received a telephone call from a gentleman indicating he wanted to donate something to the school to help with the growth.



COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Linda Ingram (holding giant scissors) and Zion Chapel Principal Bob Hartwell join one another in "cutting the ribbon" Monday evening, Aug. 6, during a special open house ceremony held at the school. The ribbon cutting ceremony was in celebration of a gymnasium renovation and construction of a new building at the elementary school. Also taking part in the ribbon cutting were student representatives from grades K-12, Coffee County school board members and two members of the Zion Chapel Class of 1957 (the first graduating class from the school). The student representatives included Benjamin Hutchison, kindergarten; Whitney Senn, first grade; Lexi Sanders, second grade; Blake Cobb, third grade; Jamison Senn, fourth grade; Macy McIntosh, fifth grade; Heidi McLeod, sixth grade; Lizzie Canley, seventh grade; Kelli Behrens, eighth grade; Garrett Stinson, ninth grade; Amber Grissett, tenth grade; Sierra Smith, eleventh grade; and Logan Canley, twelfth grade. Representing the Class of 1957 were Wayne Westbrook White and Joanne White Rugg. Coffee County Board of Education members include Charles Walker, Danny Jernigan, Jimmy Clark, Larry Eddins, Rubin McKinnon, Galen McWaters and Annette Griswold.

Dr. Ingram said Zion Chapel Schools currently has a building on nearly every inch of land owned by the school system with no extra land available to it. However, she said thanks to the generosity of an Elba doctor and his family that will no longer be a problem.

The superintendent said Dr.

Lance K. Dyess and his family have donated 30-acres of land

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On Duty: Meet the Coffee County EMS Team

Richard Ealum joined the Coffee County EMS team approximately one month ago. He serves as an EMT-Basic and Driver.

Ealum's special training includes EMT-Basic, EVOC, and CPR.

When asked, he said the thing he enjoys the most about his job is helping others.

Richard's family includes his 3-year-old daughter, Emily Chynne Ealum.

In his spare time, Ealum said he enjoys fishing, camping, volunteering with the local fire department in McKenzie and just doing things with family and friends.



EMT-Basic/Driver Richard Ealum

COMMUNITY NEWS

Two Coffee County Schools implement AMSTI program

AMSTI is coming to New Brockton Schools and Zion Chapel Schools this school year. AMSTI, Alabama Math Science and Technology Initiative, is a program designed to improve math and science across the state. The program trains teachers and provides materials and resources needed for hands-on, activity-based, math and science education in the classroom.

The AMSTI experience has been shown to prepare students for success in postsecondary studies and in the workforce.

Teachers from the schools recently attended a training session for AMSTI to prepare them for introducing the program in their classrooms this upcoming school year.



Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Middleton, fifth grade teachers from New Brockton Elementary School, ponder a math problem and work together to find the answer. The teachers were trained in the same activities they will be introducing to their students.



Melinda Stinson (right) and her lab partner Leigh Trantum will write experiment results in their lab journal once they finish.

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Jeb Stuart Hornsby receives Doctor of Medicine degree in family medicine

Jeb Stuart Hornsby received his Doctor of Medicine degree in family medicine on May 20, 2007.

He is a native of Opp and is a 199 graduate of Opp High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hornsby of Opp, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pugh of Opp and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Hornsby of Elba.

Upon receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama he received a rural medical scholarship for the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He attended Medical School for two years in Birmingham and returned to Tuscaloosa to complete his medical school training.

Dr. Hornsby, his wife Jennifer, and their son Caden now reside in Northport, where he is fulfilling his residency requirements.

Fall semester registration underway at EOCC

Fall semester begins soon at Enterprise-Ozark Community College.

Registration is still underway for classes which begin for the full-term and second mini-term on Friday, Aug. 17. Late registration will continue through Tuesday, Aug. 21.

For more information about

how to be admitted to the College, how to register for courses, or what courses are offered, go online at www.eocc.edu or call (334) 347-2623 at the Enterprise Campus, (334) 774-5113 at the Aviation Campus in Ozark, or (334) 598-3438 at the Fort Rucker Site.

Coffee County Junior Miss Scholarship Program set for Saturday in Elba

The 2008 Coffee County Jr. Miss Scholarship Program will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Elba High School auditorium.

The Coffee County Jr. Miss Scholarship Program is part of a nationwide endeavor to honor and reward the country's outstanding high school girls for their achievements. Last year the local program rewarded thousands of dollars in cash scholarships.

The areas in which contestants will be evaluated are judges interview, scholastic achievement, creative and performing arts, physical fitness, and poise.

In addition to winning a scholarship, the young woman selected to be Coffee County's Jr. Miss will earn the right to participate in the Alabama's Jr. Miss Program where she will compete for the opportunity to represent Alabama in America's Jr. Miss Nationals in Mobile. There will be seven participants in this year's program. They include:

Maranda Evon Jennings
High School: Enterprise
Career Goals: Speech/Language Pathology
College Choices: University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa
Activities/Honors: Coffee County Youth Leadership Program, Paw Prints - Senior Editor, Cats for Christ - Founder and President, WCAT News Team - Co-Director, National Honor Society-Vice President, Church of Christ Youth Group, Enterprise Encores Showchoir, Junior Pterian Girls' Club - Treasurer, Anchor Club, Drama Club
Talent: Instrumental; Selection: "Bumble Boogie" by Jack Fina

Norma Christine Boyd
High School: Enterprise
Career Goals: Radiologist
College Choices: University of Alabama
Activities/Honors: Member of First Presbyterian Enterprise, Captain - EHS Danceline, President - Chautauqua Girls Club, Wildcat Representative, EHS Encores, Anchor Club, Government Club, President National Junior Honor Society, Science Club, Spanish Club
Talent: Lyrical Dance; Selection: Anyway - Martina McBride by Ashlie Wells

Lydia Rochelle Townsend
High School: Enterprise
Career Goals: Radiologist
College Choices: University of South Alabama
Activities/Honors: Children's Church Assistant, National Honor Society, Wildcat Representative (School Ambassador), Compose Short Stories and Poems, Anchor Club, Varsity Girls Basketball Captain, Varsity Girls Soccer Captain, Enterprise High School Mascot (Miss Wildcat), Drama Club, Misses Chautauqua Girls Club
Talent: Drama; Selection: The Birmingham Church Bombing by Lydia Townsend

Elizabeth Lynn Parker
High School: Enterprise
Career Goals: Pediatrician
Education: Pediatrician
College Choices: University of Alabama
Activities/Honors: National Honor Society, Alabama Youth Leadership Program, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Science Club, Vice President, Leo Club, Secretary, Anchor Club/Drama Club, Enterprise High School Encores, Enterprise High School Danceline/AllStar/UDA Staff, Misses Chautauqua Club, Dancer for Indoor Percussion Ensemble
Talent: Dance; Selection: "WORK" by Laura Hunter

Cheryl Rose Fabry
High School: Enterprise
Activities/Honors: First Baptist Church member, National Honor Society, Enterprise



Maranda Evon Jennings



Norma Christine Boyd



Lydia Rochelle Townsend



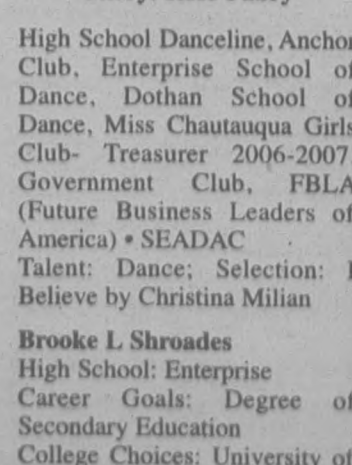
Elizabeth Lynn Parker



Cheryl Rose Fabry



Brooke L. Shroades



Logan Elizabeth Heim



Logan Elizabeth Heim

Brooke L. Shroades
High School: Enterprise
Career Goals: Degree of Secondary Education
College Choices: University of Alabama
Activities/Honors: Enterprise Encores Showchoir, Enterprise PTA Chapter President 2006-2007, Enterprise PFA Stringband Vocalist, Anchor Club Project Director 2006-2007, Chautauqua Girls Club Secretary 2007-2008, Praise Team- First Baptist Church, National Honors Society, Government Club, Drama Club, Spanish Club
Talent: Vocal; Selection: "I Couldn't Be Happier" from Broadway's "Wicked" by Stephen Schwartz

COMMUNITY NEWS

Storytelling event planned for Sept. 22nd in New Brockton

The Coffee County Storytelling Club, Coffee County Extension Office and the Town of New Brockton have joined together to bring an evening of storytelling to New Brockton.

This special event will include dinner and stories with

"some of the best story tellers in the Wiregrass," according to event organizers.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Gatherings Too (located at 104 N. John Street), in New Brockton. The catered dinner will be at 6 p.m. followed by

storytelling at 6:30 p.m.

There is a charge for tickets. Reservations must be made by calling 894-6737 no later than Tuesday, Sept. 18. Seating is only available for approximately 100 people; therefore, those interested in attending should purchase tickets early.



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 1951 GATHERS...On Saturday, July 28, the Class of '51 celebrated its 56th anniversary. Bob and Syble Hahn hosted the group at the Senior Center in Elba. Those present were Billy and Betty Flowers, Hugh and JoAnne Parker, Wilson and Ann Dyess, Albert and Patsy Lee, Walter and Janice Smith, Douglas and Earlene (Ammons) Green, James and Helen (King) Kemp, Weth and Gloria (Whitley) Bragg, Dorsey and Sarah (Dye) Rhodes, Wallace and Ann (Watkins) Miller, Roxie (Walker) Smart, Becky (Kelly) Davis, Betty (Rushing) Rogers and Bob and Syble (King) Hahn. The class members (pictured above) include: (sitting) Sara (Dye) Rhodes, Gloria (Whitley) Bragg and Betty (Rushing) Rogers; (back row) Hugh Parker, Albert Lee, Wilson Dyess, Billy Flowers, Walter Smith, Helen (King) Kemp, Syble (King) Hahn, Becky (Kelly) Davis, Earlene (Ammons) Green, Roxie (Walker) Smart, Douglas Green and Ann (Watkins) Miller.

Elba Elementary School Menu

August 13 - 17, 2007

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Hamburger, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Applesauce Cake, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake w/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Wiggle, Corn, Butterbeans, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Sliced Pears, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Rice, Applesauce, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Well, moving week has arrived for the Mularz girls, and that means that in just a matter of days both my girls will be out of the house and attending college. I've had at least one little girl walking around the house and sleeping in her bed for over 24 years, and it was always easier to fall asleep when I knew they were at home and safe. I know this is all just a part of growing up, and the girls will adapt to their new surroundings much easier than this 'ole Dad.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** I didn't take the Elba Tigers long to find an opponent for their annual preseason game as Coach Scott Rials announced last week the Tigers would take Mack Wood Field on Friday, August 24, against the Goshen Eagles. Goshen is a 2A team that competes in the region with such football powers as Luverne, Loachapoka, Lanett, Reeltown and Highland Home, and last season the Eagles went 3-2 against their non-region opponents as they posted a 5-5 record. Elba ran up a pretty long winning streak in preseason games down at Miller Memorial before getting knocked off last year by Geneva County, and my guess is Goshen will provide the Tigers a stern test as the preseason clash moves on campus. Goshen didn't take the game to come down to Elba and lose. So, the Tigers had better be ready for a battle.

*** I have long been a supporter of doing away with spring training in high school football, and recently the Alabama High School Athletic Association made a small step in that direction when it shortened the amount of time teams are allowed to work out. Beginning this school year, teams will be allowed to conduct spring practice for only 10 days in a 15-day span, which cut five days off the previous time limit. Spring training used to be a big deal for high schools back when the coaches couldn't work with their players throughout the summer. However, now that football season never ends, how important can a few extra days during the school year be? The change was a move to reduce the length of the seasons, and AHSA director Steve Savarese added there could be other reductions. For the student's sake, I hope so.

*** I usually don't pay attention to preseason stories about college football, but will admit this summer I have tried to keep up with what has been going on up at Tuscaloosa under new Bama coach Nick Saban. Now that practice has begun, it has been interesting to read about the new hard-nose approach the coach has brought with him, and thought it was funny last weekend when in one published report Coach Saban made it clear he wasn't real happy about a player missing a work-out to attend his brother's wedding. I think Coach Saban knows the expectations are high, and there is added pressure for the new coach to win some games sooner, than later. Yep, it's going to be fun to read about the Tide and their coach in the weeks to come.

*** In closing... The adult soccer league that plays its games at Miller Memorial Stadium is approaching its post-season action, and I will make a point to make it down to the stadium in the weeks to come to see the best of adult soccer in South Alabama. Teams from Dothan, Troy, Brundidge, Enterprise, Slocomb, Clio, Louisville and Elba compete in the league, and four games are held every Sunday. There is no admission charge. So, why not head down one weekend and watch the guys in action. It might just surprise you!

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In race for the playoffs

Region rivals will remain the same

The high school football season will kick off in a little over three weeks, and while most area teams will compete in a preseason game and then enter a 10-game regular season schedule, all the teams have seven games circled on their schedules as they take aim against region opponents in their quest to advance to the state playoffs.

Following is a look at region alignment for the 2007 high school football season:

CLASS 3A REGION 2

While there are eight teams in this region, most believe the top two teams will repeat and the other six teams will fight for the other two spots in the state playoffs. Geneva and Pike County placed 1-2 last season in the region standings and drew the home field advantage in the post-season, while Abbeville and Straughn closed out the top four and also punched their tickets into the post-season play. Headland finished in a tie for fourth place last season and was nudged out by Straughn in a tiebreaker, while Dale County and Elba missed out by just one game, followed by Slocomb in the cellar. It may be easy to pick the top two finishers in this region, but five teams appear to have a solid shot at filling out the playoff picture, and it should be a fight until the final week of region play.

CLASS 2A REGION 2

This is one of the state's most highly competitive regions, with five of the eight teams making an appearance in the state's 2A preseason poll. Houston Academy and Geneva County finished 1-2 a year ago and

Five of six state champs picked to repeat in prep preseason poll

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has released its preseason high school football standings with five of last season's state champions picked to repeat their success from the 2006 season.

Prattville (6A), Guntersville (4A), Pike County (3A), Leroy (2A) and Sweet Water (1A) are all picked to begin the '07 season atop the standings in their respective classifications, with the only exception comes in Class 5A, where Mobile's St. Paul's was chosen as the preseason pick to replace defending state champ Athens.

Following is the complete preseason standings in all six classifications, along with area teams that received votes:

CLASS 6A
1. Prattville 2. Hoover 3. Daphne 4. Vestavia Hills 5. McGill-Toolen 6. Foley 7. Opelika 8. Gadsden City 9. Spain Park 10. Tuscaloosa County (Also receiving votes: (12) Enterprise)

CLASS 5A
St. Paul's 2. J.O. Johnson 3. Eufrasia 4. Russellville 5. Fort Payne 6. Briarwood Christian 7. Jess Lanier 8. Athens 9. McAdory 10. UMS-Wright (Also receiving votes) (22)

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earned the right to open the playoffs at home, while Wicksburg and Cottonwood rounded out the top four and also advanced to the post-season. Houston County missed the playoffs by just one game, while G.W. Long fell two wins short of getting a ticket to the playoff party. New Brockton and Samson closed out the region and fell far short of making the playoff field. Houston Academy will again be the team to beat in the region. However, any of the teams in the region should have a real chance at making the top four and this season the playoff picture may not become clear until the final week of region action.

CLASS 1A REGION 2

Brantley has dominated this region for the past five years, and while the Bulldogs will again be a prohibitive favorite, the remainder of the teams in the region appear more balanced than ever. Brantley ran its region winning streak to 35 games with a clean sweep of its region rivals in '06, while Ariton finished as the runner-up, followed in the top four by Pleasant Home and Florala. McKenzie missed the playoffs by just one win, while Providence Christian and Zion Chapel were two wins shy of making the post-season, and Kinston was left winless. Brantley may not be as strong as in years past after losing 17 seniors, but the Bulldogs will be the clear cut favorites to take home the region crown. As for the rest of the region, all seven teams should believe they have a chance at making the playoffs and the region race should last until late in the season.

Greenville

CLASS 4A
Guntersville 2. Thomasville 3. Andalusia 4. North Jackson 5. Brooks 6. Alexandria 7. East Limestone 8. Tuscaloosa Central 9. Trinity 10. Deshler (Also receiving votes) (11) T.R. Miller, (21) W.S. Neal

CLASS 3A
Pike County 2. Clay County 3. Cordova 4. Colbert County 5. Calera 6. Geneva 7. Leeds 8. Winfield 9. Clarke County 10. Montgomery Academy (Also receiving votes) (21) Abbeville

CLASS 2A
Leroy 2. Fayette 3. Houston Academy 4. Addison 5. Lineville 6. Lanett 7. Tanner 8. American Christian 9. Woodland 10. Wicksburg (Also receiving votes) (17) Houston County, (18) Luverne, (20) Geneva County, (21) Red Level, (22) Cottonwood

CLASS 1A
Sweet Water 2. Brantley 3. Talladega County Central 4. Maplesville 5. Ragland 6. Hazlewood 7. Florala 8. Linden 9. McIntosh 10. Donoho (Also receiving votes) (12) Ariton

Next week the league will enter its 15th week of action, with two important games on the schedule that will determine the teams that reach the semifinal round. Club Juventus and Club Toluca are trying to lock down the final spot in the semifinals, and need a win to remain in contention. Club Toluca

who purchase reserved seating annually for the home games have until Friday, Aug. 24, to renew their seats for the 2007 football season. In order to maintain the priority option on a year-to-year basis, the renewal must be completed by this date. Reserved seating tickets not purchased by Friday, Aug. 24, will go on sale to the public at that time. Reserved parking at the stadium may also be renewed at the time of the ticket purchase. There will be six home games during the 2007 football season.

1st annual "Mack Wood Classic"
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CLASS 3A REGION 2

(2006 Final Standings)

Rank	Team	Record
1	Geneva	7-0
2	Pike County	6-1
3	Abbeville	5-2
4	Straughn	3-4
5	Headland	3-4
6	Dale County	2-5
7	Elba	2-5
8	Slocomb	0-7

CLASS 2A REGION 2

(2006 Final Standings)

Rank	Team	Record
1	Houston Acad.	7-0
2	Geneva County	6-1
3	Wicksburg	5-2
4	Cottonwood	4-3
5	Houston County	3-4
6	G.W. Long	2-5
7	New Brockton	1-6
8	Samson	0-9

CLASS 1A REGION 2

(2006 Final Standings)

Rank	Team	Record
1	Brantley	7-0
2	Ariton	6-1
3	Pleasant Home	4-3
4	Florala	4-3
5	McKenzie	3-4
6	Providence Ch.	2-5
7	Zion Chapel	2-5
8	Kinston	0-7

Field for semifinals almost set for Elba International Soccer League

Miller Memorial Stadium has seen its share of historic high school football games over the decades and now serves as the home of the Elba Youth Football League. This season the stadium has added to its rich history of hosting athletic events, as it has become the home field for the International Soccer League, of Elba, which includes a total of nine teams from across South Alabama.

Teams competing at Miller Memorial Stadium include Club Juventus, of Dothan; Club Toluca, of Troy; Club Veracruz, of Brundidge; Club America, of Enterprise; Club Milan, of Slocomb; Club Chelsea, of Elba; Club Clio, of Clio; Club Louisville, of Louisville; and Real Espana, of Enterprise.

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needs six points to make the playoffs, while Club Juventus needs only three points.

Teams already assured a berth in the semifinals are Veracruz, America, Milan, Chelsea, Clio, Louisville and Real Espana. These teams are waiting to see what team it will meet in the semifinals, and also working hard to stay sharp with the playoffs right around the corner.

The league plays four games every Sunday at Miller Memorial Stadium, with no admission charge to the public. The games begin at 11:00 AM, followed by games at 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00. Elba's Club Chelsea will hit the field for the 3:00 game against Louisville.

The quarterfinals will be held on August 19 and 26, to be followed by the semifinals on September 2 and 9, and the finals on September 16 and 23.

The public is invited to attend the games and learn more about the sport of soccer.

A concession stand is open at all games for the convenience of the players and fans.

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Elba pool closed for summer
The Elba City Pool is now closed for the summer. The final day for the summer was Tuesday, July 31. If anyone left any items at the pool they should call the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833 and identify the item. It will be available for pick-up at the Recreation Center the next day.

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SPORTS

Off the threatened list, eagles benefit from same conservation efforts as game animals

Whether it's viewed on the banks of a big Alaskan river or soaring through the marshes beside a Florida lake, the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) never fails to draw attention. Found only in North America, the iconic white head and 7-foot wingspan of an adult stand out among the many skyward creatures that make their home here. But even more than its stature or its fishing prowess, the bald eagle remains a symbol of the United States, and graces everything from coins and stamps to government seals and art - a living, feathered reminder of the grace and power that the nation was founded upon.

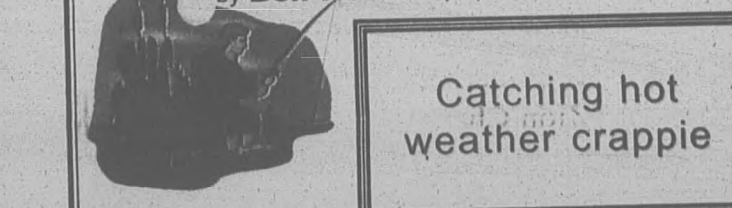
After being on the brink of extinction in the mid-20th century following loss of habitat, damage to eggs from harmful chemicals and poaching, a 1965 study showed as few as 400 breeding pairs remained in the lower 48 states. Decades of careful conservation - including some financed through sportsmen dollars and utilizing conservation tactics previously perfected on game animals - included the relocation of breeding pairs, incubation of eggs and the release of eaglets as well as increased law enforcement protection from wildlife agencies. The results have seen bald eagle breeding pair numbers increase to 10,000 in the last 40 years. Because of this, the bald eagle was officially removed from the U.S. Endangered and

Threatened Species List on June 28, 2007.

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Catching hot weather crappie

Spring is definitely the favorite time for crappie fishermen across Alabama, but summer can yield some nice catches also. Admittedly, few of us want to sit in a boat during the middle of the day in July and August, so we have to change our routine a little.

Mid-summer crappies can be found near food sources such as insects, crayfish and especially baitfish such as small bluegills, minnows and shad. The pH of the water can also influence their location.

Studies reveal that the black crappie is found in more acidic water with a pH of less than seven. The two are easily confused especially when the male white crappie turns darker during spawning season. To differentiate between the two look at the way the spots or blotches are arranged. The white crappie has spots or blotches arranged in vertical bands while the black crappie is irregular.

Another clue is the dorsal spines. Black crappies have seven or eight hard dorsal spines while the white crappie has five or six hard dorsal spines. The white crappie has a dashed head, the black crappie doesn't.

The best places to look for crappie, especially during daylight hours, is anywhere that affords them shade. Boat docks, bridges, docked barges or thick aquatic weeds that offer shade, cooler water, and are attractive to bait fish that crappie feed on.

If the water is deep enough, vertical jigging with minnows or jigs can be productive. Several years ago I had to attend a coat and tie function at a lakeside motel in Pell City, AL. During July, while accompanying friends to their cars, I spotted the familiar glow of a gas lantern on the dock and walked down to talk to the fishermen. Two contractors from Minnesota were jigging for crappie through the cracks between the boards on the pier using ice fishing rods. They said they were trying to catch enough for a fish fry the next night and asked if I would like to help them. We filled a small cooler with enough for the forthcoming fish fry in about an hour.

Bridges are excellent crappie attractants during summer. A shadow from the bridge is present at anytime of the day. Microscopic aquatic life clings to the pilings that in turn attracts bait fish that attract crappie.

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ing, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, unless allowed by permit.

On Saturday, September 22, 2007, millions of Americans will celebrate the success of the bald eagle and many other species as part of National Hunting and Fishing Day activities that will be going on nationwide. National Hunting and Fishing Day began after a presidential proclamation in 1972 that sets aside the fourth Saturday of each September for the event. Since then, national, regional, state and local organizations have staged thousands of open house hunting- and fishing-related events everywhere from shooting ranges to suburban frog ponds, providing millions of Americans with a chance to experience, understand and appreciate traditional outdoor sports.

The careful bald eagle conservation efforts of the past have given millions of people the thrill of seeing the bald eagle soar high above the ground, to hear it call in the distance and continue to grace some of the United States' most beautiful locales. Conservation groups, sportsmen and women and wildlife watchers alike are all stakeholders in the future of the bald eagle, to ensure that this majestic creature remains a symbol of America and not a distant memory.

Red Cross to hold disaster classes Aug. 25

The Coffee County American Red Cross will hold several Disaster Classes on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at the New Brockton City hall. Introduction to Disaster will be held from 9-12 a.m., Shelter Operations will be held from 1-4 p.m., and Disaster Assessment will be held from 1-4 p.m. also. Registration is required.

To register call New Brockton City Hall at 894-5283 or 347-1426 and leave a name and number or email mhoberts@century.net.

Owls is next topic in Landmark Park series on science

Landmark Park's annual "Science on Saturday" series began on Saturday, August 4, with a variety of family-oriented presentations on science related topics. Programs will be offered each Saturday at 10 a.m. during the month of August. All programs are free with paid admission to the park. Space is limited so reservations are requested and can be made by calling the park office at 334-794-3452.

August 11-All About Owls!
Raptor rehabilitation specialist Louise Grider of Sweetgum Hollow Wildlife Center in New Brockton will bring several examples of these magnificent meat-eating birds for visitors to enjoy. Scheduled to appear is a young great horned owl and two eastern screech owls. These birds are non-releasable, rehabilitated birds used to educate the public on the value of these protected predatory birds. This program will give everyone the chance of seeing the owls up close and personal.

Admission for the Science On Saturday programs is free with admission to the park. All programs will begin at 10 a.m. in the auditorium located inside the park's Interpretive Center.

Aug. 20 - Archaeology 101- People have inhabited the Wiregrass Region for thousands of years, and the material culture left behind in the form of artifacts are the best clues to piecing together the puzzle of ancient activity. Justin Stickler, owner of Wiregrass Archaeological Consulting will discuss what an archaeologist does and give a brief history overview of the Wiregrass Region. Also during this time will be an opportunity to look at and handle a sample of artifacts found in this area.



THE KINSTON TOWN COUNCIL RECOGNIZED the Recreation Department's Dixie Ponytails 12 & under fastpitch softball team during Thursday, August 2nd's meeting. Mayor Bill Mullins along with the other council members presented the team with certificates of appreciation officially recognizing the team's accomplishments for being undefeated for three years in a row and winning the Sub-District Championship. The members of the team are Macy Sanders, Chelbie Fuller, Madison Weeks, Laiken Free, Mary Mack, Aubree Archie, Emily Mock, Erin Bowden, Arissa Davis, Hayden Harper and Taylor Kilcrease. The team was coached by Tim Free, Andy Sanders and Eric Bowden.

Make plans now to enter Waterfowl Stamp art contest

Alabama artists should start making plans now to enter the 2008 Alabama Waterfowl Stamp art contest. The annual contest, sponsored by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, is open to resident Alabama artists only.

Entries cannot exceed 9 by 12 inches (15 by 18 inches matted). Only original horizontal artwork depicting a species of North American migratory duck or goose will be eligible. The Canvasback (2006-07), Blue-winged Teal (2007-08) and Hooded Merganser (2008-09) - Only original horizontal artwork depicting in the winning artwork of the three previous years' contests - are not eligible as subjects for the 2009 stamp.

Judging criteria will emphasize uncluttered design suitable for printing as a stamp, anatomical accuracy of the illustrated species, and artistic rendering. Wing and feather construction must be particularly well defined. Entrants may submit a painting or drawing; past-

test entries have included works in oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, all of which are eligible.

For contest information and

entry forms, contact David Hayden, Alabama Wildlife and Fisheries Division, at 334-242-3469 or visit www.outdooralabama.com.

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Be it resolved by the Healthcare Authority Board of Directors of Elba, Alabama, that Carolyn Brunson is to be honored and recognized for her service to this Board and the community and a copy of this resolution shall be provided to her in sincere thanks and admiration.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Healthcare Authority of Elba, Alabama, Inc. on this day of March 13, 2007.

Ellen Briley, Administrator



Coffee County Board of Education members and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram showed their appreciation to Dr. Lance K. Dyess and his family Monday evening during Open House ceremonies at Zion Chapel Schools. It was announced Monday that Dr. Dyess and his family have donated 30-acres of land to support the continued growth of Zion Chapel Schools. Those pictured above include (from left): Galen McWaters, Annette Griswold, Jimmy Clark, Robin McKinnon, Dr. Lance K. Dyess, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram, Larry Eddins, Danny Jernigan and Charles Walker.

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that borders Zion Chapel Schools to the Coffee County School System.

"I think our problems for the future have been solved," she said.

Receiving a huge ovation from the crowd, Dr. Dyess said he wants to see the school continue to grow. After speaking with his family and after much prayer, he said he decided the "right thing to do" would be to donate the land.

"Zion Chapel will forever be in your debt," Hartwell said to Dyess. "We thank you."

Following the announcement, students and parents were able to meet with teachers during Open House. Also during this time, everyone was invited to tour the new building while a reception was held.

Don't forget to:



Britley Parker and daughter Kinley tour the new building at Zion Chapel Monday evening during Open House. They are shown above with school nurse Virginia McLeod in her new office.

TOWN

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previous meeting where other employees received a raise.

The council voted to borrow \$20,000 from The Peoples Bank of Coffee County. This 90-day loan will help the town with operating funds.

The council also voted to accept a low bid of \$25,000 from Danny's Dozer for another round of the demolition grant. In regards to a tree cutting project on six roads in the town, the low bid of \$4,000 was awarded to CSE, LLC.

Prior to adjourning, council

member Jeff White expressed his thanks to the police department, fire department and other volunteers that respond to incidents. He said these people often do not know what kind of situation they are walking into, and he wanted to thank them for everything they do. All council members agreed with White and echoed his remarks.

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 3 (town offices will be closed), the September town council meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 10.

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ABC agents raid open house party in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Enforcement agents with the ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Board busted an open house party last weekend in Elba that resulted in several arrests.

ABC agents responded to a residence on Hickman Avenue in Elba on suspicion of an open house party with juveniles in attendance. According to ABC enforcement agent Sgt. Randy Eiland, the party reportedly began Friday evening, Aug. 10, and officers arrived on scene shortly after midnight (Saturday, Aug. 11).

Eiland said ABC agents did request the Elba Police Department to make an appearance on scene, but the investigation belonged strictly to the ABC Board.

Sgt. Eiland said the incident

involved adult minors (age 18 but not 21), juveniles, adult parents and an adult subsequently involved though not directly with the party. In all, he said he expects a total of nine adult arrests (those age 18 and above) with various charges including minors in possession of alcohol, minors in consumption of alcohol, obstruction of governmental operations and open house party arrests.

In regards to the juveniles (those under age 18), Sgt. Eiland said petitions were obtained on a total of 17 juveniles.

"This is a public safety issue," said Eiland. "People are killed in accidents every day, and the presence of alcohol increases the chances."

In regards to last weekend's incident, Sgt. Eiland said parents were able to pick their chil-

dren up safe and unharmed. Often times, he said parents have to go to accident scenes and/or hospitals or worse.

"Too many times, we bury kids that left parties thinking they were 'bulletproof,'" Eiland said.

According to Sgt. Eiland, one female juvenile was transported from the scene of last weekend's open house party by ambulance to Elba General Hospital for alcohol-related medical problems. She reportedly stayed overnight at the hospital for treatment.

On Tuesday of this week, Sgt. Eiland said officials had made most of the arrests of adults involved. He said those charged will have a court date with proceedings beginning in district court.

As for the petitioned juveniles, Sgt. Eiland said the juvenile court and probation officers will discuss these cases and make a determination of what to do.

Sgt. Eiland said the investigation into this incident remains open and continues through the ABC Board.

For second consecutive year

Elba City Schools achieve 100 percent on AYP goals

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Students once again began filling the halls Thursday, Aug. 9, of Elba Elementary and Elba High schools, and according to Superintendent Danny Weeks, there are many accomplishments to be proud of at both schools.

"Over the summer many projects took place on the buildings and grounds and many staff members worked diligently to accomplish these tasks," said Weeks.

Also, Weeks said for the second consecutive year both schools meet AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) standards set by the State of Alabama Board of Education.

"Elba City Schools met 17 out of 17 goals on AYP to achieve a 100 percent success rate. This is the second year we have achieved this goal," said Weeks. "We also increased our graduation rate by 16 percent and our attendance rate is above 96 percent."

Weeks said another achievement of Elba City Schools was the 100 percent passing rate on the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE).

"Also for the second year in a row, 100 percent of our senior class passed the graduation exam," he said. "This is due to the hard work of our faculty and staff."

He added that the school sys-

Cemetery marked by vandals

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Vandals left their mark on the Old Town and Teel cemeteries in rural Coffee County in early July as several headstones were damaged.

The vandalism reportedly occurred sometime around July 4th at the cemeteries, which are located in a secluded area off County Rd. 456 south of the Perry's Store community.

Upon discovery of the damage, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department began an investigation, and Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said authorities now believe they have identified those responsible for the vandalism.

Whitworth said a group of minors are believed to be responsible, and some have admitted to their involvement. He said the sheriff's department is working with the families of those involved to repair the damage caused at the Old Town and Teel cemeteries.

At least 25 headstones were damaged either by being turned



Several headstones at the Old Town and Teel cemeteries in rural Coffee County were damaged in early July during a case of vandalism. The Coffee County Sheriff's Department continues to work on this case and reportedly has identified those responsible. Additional photos of the damage are on Page 11 of today's paper.

over, broken or both. Also there were wooden crosses marking 10-15 unknown graves that were pulled from the ground.



Students in Michelle Grimes' fifth grade class at Elba Elementary School are shown hard-at-work earlier this week. Students returned to class last Thursday, Aug. 9, and have seemingly had no trouble getting back into the routine of learning. The students are shown at work with the school's Reading First program. Elba Elementary is a model site for the program, and this past summer representatives of the school made a presentation on the program during a conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The school was asked by the U.S. Department of Education to make the presentation.

tem has received many telephone calls from other systems wanting to know how Elba has achieved this.

Superintendent Weeks said Elba Elementary School is a model site for the Alabama Reading First program and is nationally known for its reading program. This summer, Elba Elementary was asked by the U.S. Department of Education to make a presentation at a conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

"Our success academically over the past two years is tremendous," said Weeks. "Both schools meeting AYP by achiev-

ing 100 percent of the goals required by the State is a credit to the staff of both schools. I would also like to stress that we are one of only four schools in the State of Alabama to score 100 percent on the graduation exam."

Both Elba Elementary School Principal Lakesha Brackins and Elba High School Principal Shane Casey reinforced the points made by Weeks.

"We are definitely proud of our scores on AYP and the graduation exam," said Casey. "It truly shows that we are off to a good start."

Casey said the new school year has been off to a really good start and said the new dress code policy is being enforced. Principal Casey praised the students for abiding by it.

"With the new dress code in place our students look neat and professional each day when they come to school," said Casey. "Also, we have had no problems with our new tardy policy and we are very proud of both."

When asked about the new

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Join the Coffee County EMS Team

Todd Teachnor joined the Coffee County EMS team approximately one year ago. He serves as an EMT-Basic.

Teachnor's training includes CPR-BLS.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job he said, "helping people in their time of need."

Teachnor's most memorable experience on the job came when he helped someone that had been involved in a serious automobile accident.

He is also employed by Opportunity EMS.

Todd said his family lives out of state, and he spends time with his friends. In his spare time he enjoys scuba diving, paramedic school and going to the gym.



EMT-Basic Todd Teachnor

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Elba man arrested in Covington County on drug related charges

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Hours of searching for ingredients, soaking, drying, mixing, cooking and drying some more; these are the tedious steps necessary to produce 300 ml of meth oil which represents approximately 2.5 grams of finished methamphetamine with a street value of around \$250. Some may consider that a pretty good return on their investment of time and money, but probably not Tommy Joel Hughes of Andalusia and Randy Kevin Hobbs of Elba who were arrested by the Covington County Drug Task Force late Monday afternoon when they were caught with a meth lab in operation on County Road 70 near Sasser's Crossroads. Hughes, 47, was booked into the Covington County Jail and held under a \$570,000 bond on the charges of manufacturing a controlled substance, drug trafficking, possession of marijuana I and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hobbs, 28, was charged with manufacturing a controlled substance II for his role in the process and held under a \$200,000 bond.

Agent Ray Dixon with the DTF said that this was the second meth lab that he and fellow officers have shut down in a

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Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will have its regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba General Hospital. The board will discuss matters relating to the district of conservation programs in the district.

ELBA TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB will have its first practice on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba General Hospital. The team will be coached by Coach Mike Hays. The team will be practicing on the field at the Elba General Hospital.

ELBA ROTARY CLUB will have its regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba General Hospital. The club will discuss matters relating to the district of conservation programs in the district.

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS will have its regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba General Hospital. The school board will discuss matters relating to the district of conservation programs in the district.